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Town of Chilmark Board of Selectmen August 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Warren Doty called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Chairman Doty announced that today Rusty Walton had passed away at 4:00p.m. Rusty Walton was very much part of this Town hall, he will be missed immensely. Rusty Walton served the Town of Chilmark in many ways on the Planning Board, the Land Bank advisory Committee, Sight Review Committee, and officer for the Conservation Commission. Simply, Rusty loved the land. Mr. Doty asked that we all have a moment to remember Rusty Walton.

Present:

Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Jonathan Mayhew, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Jane Slater, Chuck Hodgkinson, Dennis Jason, Megan Dooley, John Armstrong, Barbara Armstrong, Virginia Jones, Jenny Greene, Donald Poole, Janet Weidner, John Costas, Warren Jones, Greg Wipple, Kent Healy,

Minutes:

Draft Minutes for June 1, 2010 moved to be approved by Mr. Mayhew with corrections stated and marked on draft. Mr. Fenner seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Draft Minutes for June 4, 2010 approved as written, Moved by Mr. Fenner seconded by Mr. Doty. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes.**

Draft Minutes for June 21, 2010 approved as written. Moved by Mr. Doty seconded by Mr. Fenner. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes.**

Draft Minutes for July 20, 2010 approved as written. Moved by Mr. Fenner seconded by Mr. Mayhew. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes.**

Draft Minutes from June 15, 2010, July 6, 2010, both postponed.

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Public Hearing:

Shellfish Grants:

John Armstrong is requesting a oyster grant in Menemsha pond. The plan he presented is plotted using Loran, he will change it to Latitude and Longitude. This grant would border grants that Donald Poole and Emmet Carroll already have in Menemsha pond. They will all be bottom cages. The area will be the same as existing grants, 100 feet x 600 feet. Public hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

Mr. Mayhew asked how many more grants Mr Armstrong thought would be able to fit to the western Line of the Grant beds. Mr. Armstrong recommended that question go to Donald Poole. Mr. Poole thought 3 or 4.

Mr. Doty asked if the existing grants were adversely affected by the fire in Menemsha on July 12, 2010. Mr. Poole said he had just started selling his crop in the beginning of July and with the closing issued by Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries of the Menemsha pond he lost any sales from July 12-29.

Mr.Fenner moved to approve 100 foot x 600 foot Shellfish Grant to John Armstrong. Mr. Mayhew Seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

DAS / American Tower Pole Grants and Fiber Optic Route Grants:

John Coste of American Tower asked the town to formally acknowledge 24 DAS pole nodes. Available for final review and approval are pole petitions for each node.

Engineers Warren Jones and Greg Whipple presented on behalf of American Tower. 12 fiber strands are dedicated to the Town Of Chilmark to use. The strands will be dedicated to the following locations: The North Road Fire Station Chilmark Community Center, Police Station, Library, Town Hall, Harbor, Fire Station. Warren Jones stated "no need for power for fiber to work." This is why fiber will be used to connect all of the Towns vital buildings.

Mr. Doty closed public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Fenner Moved to approve 24 nodes and fiber defined in the petition from American Tower/ out door DAS. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

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Rebecca Miller request for Horse Crossing Signs:

Ms. Miller asks if the Selectmen would approve Horse Crossing Signs near North Tabor Farm road. She moves her horses across North road to field for grazing and needs signs for safety reasons.

Mr. Fenner moved to approve 2 horse crossing signs for area near North Tabor Farm. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

U.S.C.G. Boathouse Fire state of Emergency:

Emergency repairs to the Dock.

Bellingham Marine will be building a new 300 foot concrete floating dock.

Two bids have been received by contractors for the demolition and clearing of debris and the installation of the Bellingham Marine dock.

1. AGM out of Mashpee Ma. Estimate: \$69,375.00
2. C.White Marine estimate: \$146,000.00

Mr.Fenner wants the contractor to understand we want them to start the project immediately.

Mr. Fenner moved to approve the bid from AGM. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Pier connector replacement presentation from Kent Healy:

Mr. Healy presented the Board of Selectmen a rough estimate to help determine the differences between the many options available to choose from. Mr. Healy asked for the Board of Selectmen to choose a plan for Mr. Healy to fully research and get estimates for.

After lengthy discussion and input from Dennis Jason, Frank Fenner, Jonathan Mayhew, Warren Doty and others it was decided to have Mr. Healy return a plan with a cost estimate to the board using Concrete and greenheart Piles. The Selectmen would like Mr. Healy to price out the estimate with and without a walkway.

Funding: How to pay for the rebuilding needs to be researched and possibilities presented and included on agenda in the August 17, 2010 Selectmen's Meeting.

Mr. Fenner moved to suspend length of stay and length of boats regulations for use of docks until May 1, 2011. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Mr. Fenner moved to adjust slip fees at the transient dock. That 3/5 of slip fee for FY2011 will be deducted from their bills or used as a credit for alternate slip usage during the summer of 2010, at the Harbormaster's discretion. And that no slip holder will be punished for not using their slip this year. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

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Accountant:

The initial review for Town Accountant has been completed. Emily Day has Executive Secretary Tim Carroll's recommendation." She shows quick study of municipal laws and she has done a very good job in the position of Town Accountant."

Mr. Mayhew moved to Appoint Emily Day our Town Accountant a permanent/ regular employee. Mr. Fenner seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Historical Commission, Stone wall regulations:

The historical commission would like the Board of Selectmen to endorse their stone wall regulations. Mr. Doty stated that the regulations as presented have orderly and well defined guidelines. Mr. Mayhew moved to endorse regulations. Mr. Fenner seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Squibnocket Pond Public Access:

The options researched and presented to the Board of Selectmen were appreciated but due to the high cost, at this time the board decided not to take action on public access.

American Red Cross:

Town of Chilmark and American Red Cross have agreement to provide emergency response services, and to approve the Chilmark Community Center as Chilmark Shelter. Tim Carroll is the Emergency Management Representative. Authorize the Board of Selectmen Chair to sign. Mr. Fenner moved. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Siren:

Update on siren to be installed on top of Town Hall.

Mr. Fenner recommended that the Fire Chief speak to abutting property owners to get their feed back on the sound to use. It was recommended by Tim Carroll to use old sounds.

Lightning Strike:

The estimate for damages to computers due to the lightning strike to the Town Hall on July 19, 2010 is approximately \$6,000.00 with a deductable of \$250.00 the amount is covered by our insurance coverage.

Menemsha Comfort Station:

Mr. Mayhew said the feed back he has gotten from the commercial Fishermen is that they are very happy with lower price for showers.

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Tri Town Ambulance:

The selectmen reviewed Position Description for the Ambulance Chief. Mr. Fenner moved to approve Mr. Bellinger's position description. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Mr. Bellinger asked for retro acting approval of posting of clerical assistant to Tri Town Ambulance Chief. Mr. Fenner moved to approve posting. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Mr. Doty asked that Mr. Bellinger follow regulations set by the personnel board for all future postings.

Per written request by West Tisbury Selectmen Richard Knabel the budget short fall is being discussed.

The tri Town Ambulance has a FY2010 budget short fall of \$12,500. The Tri Town Accountants can not pay this. It must go to Special Town Meeting and pass with a 9/10 vote.

The accounts of the Tri Town Ambulance are the responsibility of the Chief.

The Finance committee had a meeting on July 8, 2010 to finish up the transfers from reserves and Chapter 77. That was the time to bring the Tri Town Ambulance budget short fall to be worked out. Not July 15, 2010.

Tri Town Ambulance Chief must request a warrant article for Special Town Meeting Sept 27, 2010 for Chilmark's portion of budget short fall.

The Chilmark Accountant encumbered \$2,500.00 on the advice of Auditor.

Development of position for Assistant Ambulance Chief/ Training Officer. This Position needs to be approved by the Tri Town Ambulance Committee. And then brought back to the Selectmen.

Fire Department Assistant:

Personnel board chair Jenny Green asked that the position for clerical assistant to the Fire Chief be re-advertised. She also requested that Chuck Hodgkinson pay grade be raised.

Mr. Doty said that this was not on the agenda for tonight's meeting and that the Fire Chief is not present. He recommends this to be addressed at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Selectmen.

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Middle Line Road:

Update on the affordable Rental Duplex. Seaver Construction has returned three signed contracts for the Selectmen to sign. Seaver Construction included a letter authorizing Robert Mullen their construction superintendent to sign plans and specs.

Chuck Hodgkinson reported Seaver has walked the site, appointed a supervisor, and presented a rough schedule. Now Seaver needs the approval of contracts by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Fenner moved to approve contract. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes. All selectmen signed.

Mr. Fenner motioned to notify Seaver for construction to proceed. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Chuck Hodgkinson spoke to Selectmen about the role the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority will have. The D.C.R.H.A. will be in charge of rental management for the Duplexes. They are working on clear definition of roles for the town and the Authority.

This definition will be available for review at the Selectmen's August 17, 2010 meeting.

Tea Lane Farm Committee:

Mr. Doty spoke of the committee's decision to go with option B with a cost of \$500,000. A lower cost project is needed at this time. Mr. Doty presented a revised proposal called Stage 1: that would have a cost of \$166, 00. This is available from the CPC funds.

Jane Slater, Chair of the Historical Commission will take Stage 1 plan to the commission as it is different from the proposal they saw. She wants it clear that the Historic Commission would like to have a member from their commission as member of building committee. Tim Carroll recommended keeping the committee small, maybe 3 persons.

The Historical Commission will be meeting August 18, 2010 to review this.

The Community Preservation Committee expects an endorsement from the Historical Commission to approve these moneys.

Special Town Meeting:

A special Town Meeting is being set for September 27, 2010. There will be a warrant article to cover emergency expenditures due to the Menemsha Coast guard Boat hose and Dock Fire.

The Accountant has been tracking all expenses related to Fire since July 12, 2010. There should be a completed figure to review at the August 17, 2010 meeting.

Warrant: article to fund replacement car way.

Article to fund Harbor, Engineering, and Police and Fire expenses

Article for Tea Lane Farm.

Article for a Preschool bathroom to be constructed in the Chilmark School. Estimate for bathroom is \$30,000.00 Town to pay \$20,000 preschool \$5, 00.00 and Chilmark Town Affairs Council \$5,000.00.

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Shellfish Department:

Mr. Doty requested to authorize a temporary assistant to the Shellfish Constable for up to 60 days. Mr. Fenner moved to approve. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Backyard Bash:

Mr. Doty has set up a time to have Selectmen thank the Firefighters at the Firemen's Back Yard Bash for 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

The Selectmen's office received a memo from B.O.E.M. task force. They need a member of the Selectmen to come to meeting being held September 8, 2010. Selectmen Jonathan Mayhew will be the delegate and will attend.

Mr. Doty would like to be sure our insurance coverage is reviewed and that the Town of Chilmark's Properties are fully covered.

Mr. Fenner wanted our Liability reviewed also.

Massachusetts State Highway: Mr. Fenner reviewed a letter from a cyclist about the dangerous road conditions on the state highway. Mr. Mayhew mentioned dead and overgrown trees that are responsibility of the State Highway Department also. Mr. Fenner asked that the Executive Secretary write a letter to the State Highway department. And that the Selectmen would like a follow up on this in a few weeks.

Mrs. Ambulos is holding a drumming, Dance and song camp at the Chilmark Community Center at the end of August. From the 21st to the evening of the 24th. The selectmen decided that \$200.00 rental and a cleaning deposit of \$200.00 should be collected.

10:30 p.m. the Selectmen moved to go to Executive Session agenda: Security and Labor Contract.

Mr. Doty moved to not return to regular meeting after completion of Executive Session. Seconded **.ROLL CALL: Mr. Mayhew Aye. Mr. Fenner Aye. Mr. Doty Aye.**